

## The Basildon Academies remembers HM Queen Elizabeth II, 1926 - 2022



The Basildon Academies joins people around the world in mourning the loss of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Over the coming days and weeks, our school community will pay tribute to her 70 years of dedicated service.

On Saturday, it was confirmed that the day of the Queen's funeral will be a national bank holiday and schools will close. The funeral is scheduled to take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September and therefore both the Basildon Upper and Lower Academies will be closed on this date. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September will be a normal school day.

Our Wellbeing Centres are available at the Upper and Lower Academies for any students who may find this news especially difficult due to personal bereavement.

Please do contact us if your child requires any additional support:

[wellbeingupper@basildonacademies.org.uk](mailto:wellbeingupper@basildonacademies.org.uk)

[wellbeinglower@basildonacademies.org.uk](mailto:wellbeinglower@basildonacademies.org.uk)

## Uniform Exchange Scheme

We have been overwhelmed with the volume of donations we have been receiving of pre-loved uniform and this has already made a huge difference to the families of many students so, thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed so far.

If you have uniform that your child has outgrown, please bring it in and see if there is something in the exchange shop that has been donated that you can simply swap your item for. We are still gratefully receiving donations of blazers, shirts, trousers and PE kits that are in pre-loved condition and these can be donated via the reception office on either site.

Please remember, the Uniform Exchange shop is located at the Lower Academy, is open from 8am – 3:30pm Monday – Friday and is accessible via the school office.

## Dates for the Diary

### Parent Forum Meeting

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022: 6pm - 7pm

### Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Settling Event

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022: 4pm - 5pm

### Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

### Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

### Literacy & Numeracy Information Event

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

★ Year 10 - Cruz.L (R10T2)

★ Year 11 - Christienne.E (R11E1)

★ Sixth Form - Saleem.S (R1213)

## Free Online Counselling Service

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-26, to ask for help from a team of highly qualified and experienced counsellors and support workers.

Kooth is a well-established, award winning online counselling agency and is accredited by The British Association of Psychotherapy and Counselling (BACP).



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## Home Learning

If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, to celebrate the work your child has completed at home, please email:

[remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk](mailto:remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk)

# School nurse drop-in



If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse can be found:

Every Wednesday Breaktime Location: The Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre

## House Points - Week Ending 9<sup>th</sup> September



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## Spotlight on: Art A Level



Art is a form of communication and expression - a visual language, which deals with the construction and interpretation, of both personal and cultural meanings. This course is designed to give learners an engaging and innovative creative learning experience, where art and design practices are integrated with contextual knowledge and understanding. The aim of this course is to build a broad foundation of critical, practical and theoretical skills which encourages creativity, analytical thinking and technical skills.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [Art](#)

Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form can apply via the following link:

[www.basildonacademies.org.uk/applytojoin](http://www.basildonacademies.org.uk/applytojoin)

## OCTOBER 2022 PARENT & CARER EVENTS

### Settling Event: Monday 3rd October, 4-5pm

Parents and carers can make an appointment to see a member of our Academy staff to discuss how their child is settling in and to raise any queries or concerns you may have as we start this Academic Year. We can also provide tours of our facilities.

Please do contact our Academy reception team either via the contact us page (General Enquires) [The Basildon Academies - Contact Us](#) or via phone [01268 552536](tel:01268552536) to make your appointment. If you would particularly like to meet with a member of our SEND, Safeguarding or Attendance Teams please make that clear in your request.

### Prospective Year 6 & Year 12 Open Evening: Thursday 6th October, 5-7pm

We are delighted to open both of our Academy sites to parents, carers and students on 6<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an opportunity for current Year 6 students to tour the Lower Academy and meet with key staff about what transition into Year 7 will look like in September 2023.

Current Year 11 parents, carers and students will be welcomed to the Upper Academy to meet with our Sixth Form teachers and select their Sixth Form options. Some of our courses are quickly filled so we would encourage all students to come and reserve their places on their favourite options! We will also have careers advice and guidance available to discuss Post 16 apprenticeships and college placements.

### Year 10 – 13 Academy Progress Information Event: Monday 17th October, 4-5pm

Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 parents & carers are invited to the Upper Academy hall to meet with our Senior Leadership team who will give a talk regarding GCSE, BTEC and A Level Assessments. This will include how to support students at home with revision timetables, what to expect regarding examinations both at mock stage and final summer assessments, as well as tips for how students can support their wellbeing during this time.



Young people spoke in an informed way about many facets of their right to be safe and protected including online safety, and mentioned exploitation and County Lines, referring to rights. One of the older students stated, "Our school is a safe place. There's a dedicated safeguarding team – we know who to go to. Things are sorted out because all staff listen to us."

Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

The curriculum, student briefings and assemblies, the website, and the displays and messaging throughout the school all give mental health and wellbeing a high profile and promote its importance to all members of the school community as well as providing guidance to those seeking support.



Wellbeing Award for Schools

2022-2025

## Student Value of the Term

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link [www.escb.co.uk](http://www.escb.co.uk) which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns about your own child or another student at the Academies.

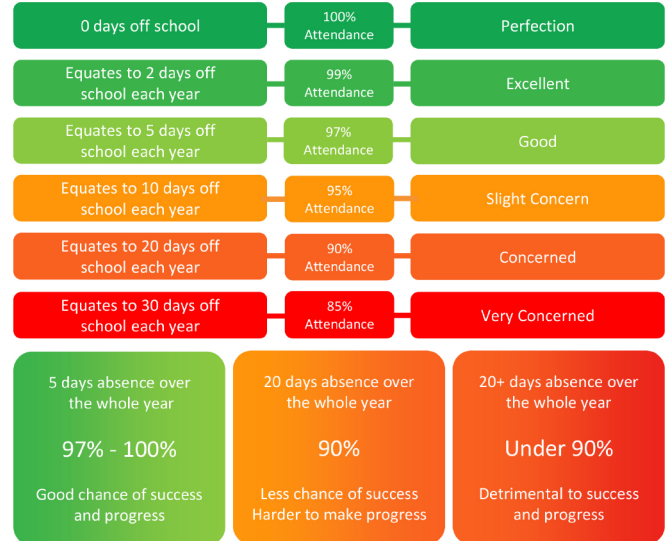
[www.basildonacademies.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.basildonacademies.org.uk/safeguarding)

## Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please email: [attendance@basildonacademies.org.uk](mailto:attendance@basildonacademies.org.uk)

- Parents/carers should contact the school by 8.30am each day their child is absent.
- If no reason has been received for a child's absence, the Academy will initiate first day calling.
- Parents/carers must provide medical evidence to support all absences due to illness or medical appointments.
- Wherever possible parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours but if this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.
- If no appropriate medical evidence is provided then the Academies cannot authorise an absence. (ie. medical

## Every School Day Counts



## Every Minute Counts

**LATENESS = LOST LEARNING**

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!

**Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn**

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# Lunch Menu - Week Commencing 12<sup>th</sup> September



## LUNCH MENU WEEK 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	<b>Meat Free Monday</b> Roasted Vegetable Lasagne	<b>Chinese Tuesday</b> Sweet & Sour Chicken	<b>Wednesday Family Favourite</b> Sausages	<b>Mexican Thursday</b> Chicken Fajitas	<b>Chip Shop Friday</b> Battered Sausage
Main Meal Option 2	French Bread Pizza	Chinese Chicken Curry	Spaghetti Bolognese	Loaded Chicken & Vegetable Quesadillas	Individual Meat Pie
Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Roasted Vegetable Tart	Vegetable & Noodle Stir Fry	3-Veg Macaroni Cheese	Roasted Vegetable Fajitas	Battered Quorn Sausage
Vegetarian Meal Option 2	Roasted Vegetable Panini	Vegetable Curry	Quorn Bolognese	Loaded Vegetable Quesadillas	Individual Vegetable Pie
On the Side	Garlic Bread Freshly Prepared Coleslaw	Super Veggie Spring Roll Chinese Fried Rice	Garlic Toast Peas Mash Freshly Prepared Coleslaw	Mexican Corn on the Cob Mexican Potatoes	Chips Mushy Peas Curry Sauce
Pasta King Pot	Italian Mushroom Zingy Peppers	Sweet & Sour Chinese Chicken Veg Tikka	Bolognese Pomodoro	Mediterranean Pizza Spicy Sausage	Sweet Chilli Chicken Tomato & Mascarpone
Oven Baked Jacket Potato	<b>Toppings</b> Baked Beans Cheese	<b>Toppings</b> Baked Beans Cheese	<b>Toppings</b> Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Beans Cheese	<b>Toppings</b> Chilli Vegetable Chilli Cheese	<b>Toppings</b> Mushy Peas Cheese Beans
Dessert	St Clements Cake	Fruit & Brownie Skewers	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Belgian Waffle with Strawberries & Chocolate Sauce	Rocky Road & Ice Cream